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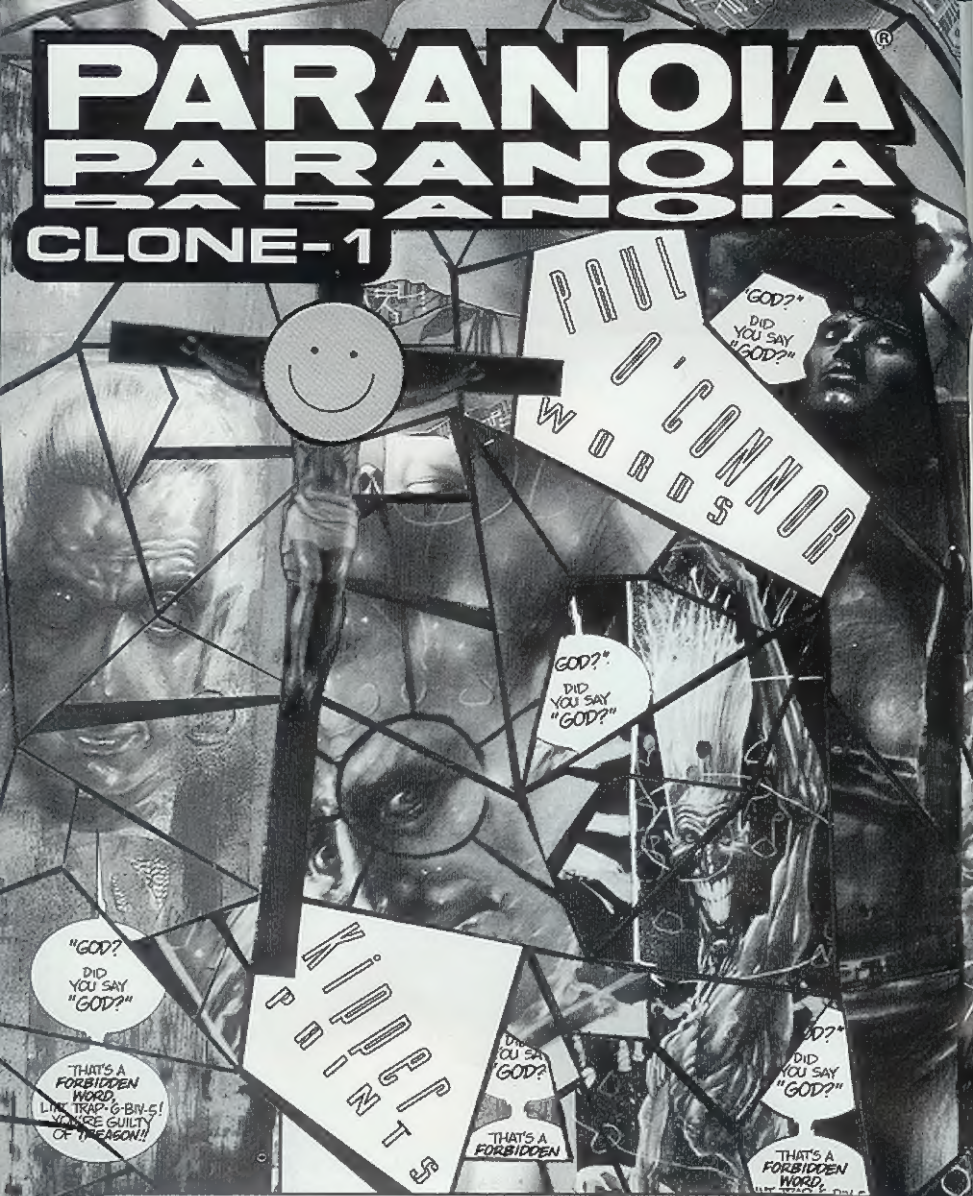

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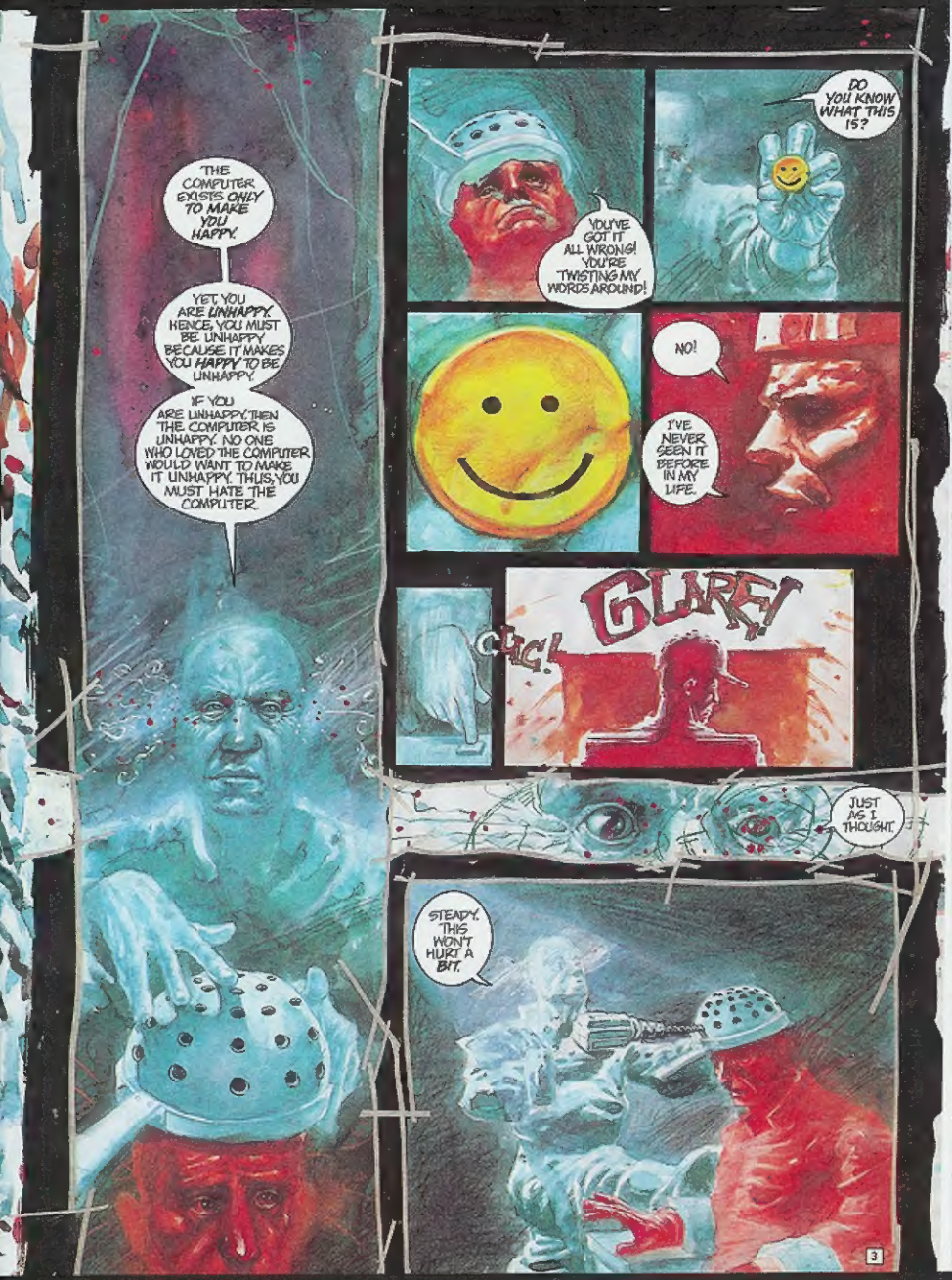
YOU'RE HAPPY
YOU'RE HAPPY
NEXT!
THAT'S ME.
SIT!
WELL? OUT WITH IT!
IT'S ABOUT THESE DREAMS I'VE BEEN HAVING.

DREAMS...?
YES. ONLY THEY'RE NOT *REALLY* DREAMS. THEY'RE ALMOST... *MEMORIES.*
MEMORIES THAT ARE NOT MY OWN.
YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR *MEDICATION* AS PRESCRIBED?
YES.
SNIK
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING! I'M *INNOCENT!*
SNAP!
KAK!
LET'S TAKE THIS FROM THE *TOP*, SHALL WE? HOW LONG HAVE YOU HATED *THE COMPUTER?*
I *NEVER* SAID I HATED THE COMPUTER!
NO ONE IS *INNOCENT.*
ON THE CONTRARY, YOU SAID YOU WERE HAVING DREAMS AND THAT THESE DREAMS UPSET YOU... SO YOU ARE *UNHAPPY.*


THE COMPUTER EXISTS ONLY TO MAKE YOU HAPPY.
YET, YOU ARE UNHAPPY. HENCE, YOU MUST BE UNHAPPY BECAUSE IT MAKES YOU HAPPY TO BE UNHAPPY.
IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY, THEN THE COMPUTER IS UNHAPPY. NO ONE WHO LOVED THE COMPUTER WOULD WANT TO MAKE IT UNHAPPY. THUS, YOU MUST HATE THE COMPUTER.
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! YOU'RE TWISTING MY WORDS AROUND!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
NO!
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE IN MY LIFE.
CLICK!
GLARE!
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
STEADY. THIS WON'T HURT A BIT.
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FREEZE, TRAITOR!!
YOU'VE HAD A CLOSE CALL, CITIZEN.
IT WAS HIM, SIR! DRIVER'S SIDE AIR BAG - B-U-L-B-A.
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
THAT MAN WAS A DANGEROUS ESCAPED MENTAL PATIENT. POOR DELUDED FELLOW THOUGHT HE WAS A COUNCILOR.
WE MUSN'T LET THIS DEVELOP INTO A NEUROSIS.
BEST GET ON WITH THE SESSION.
PWTOW!
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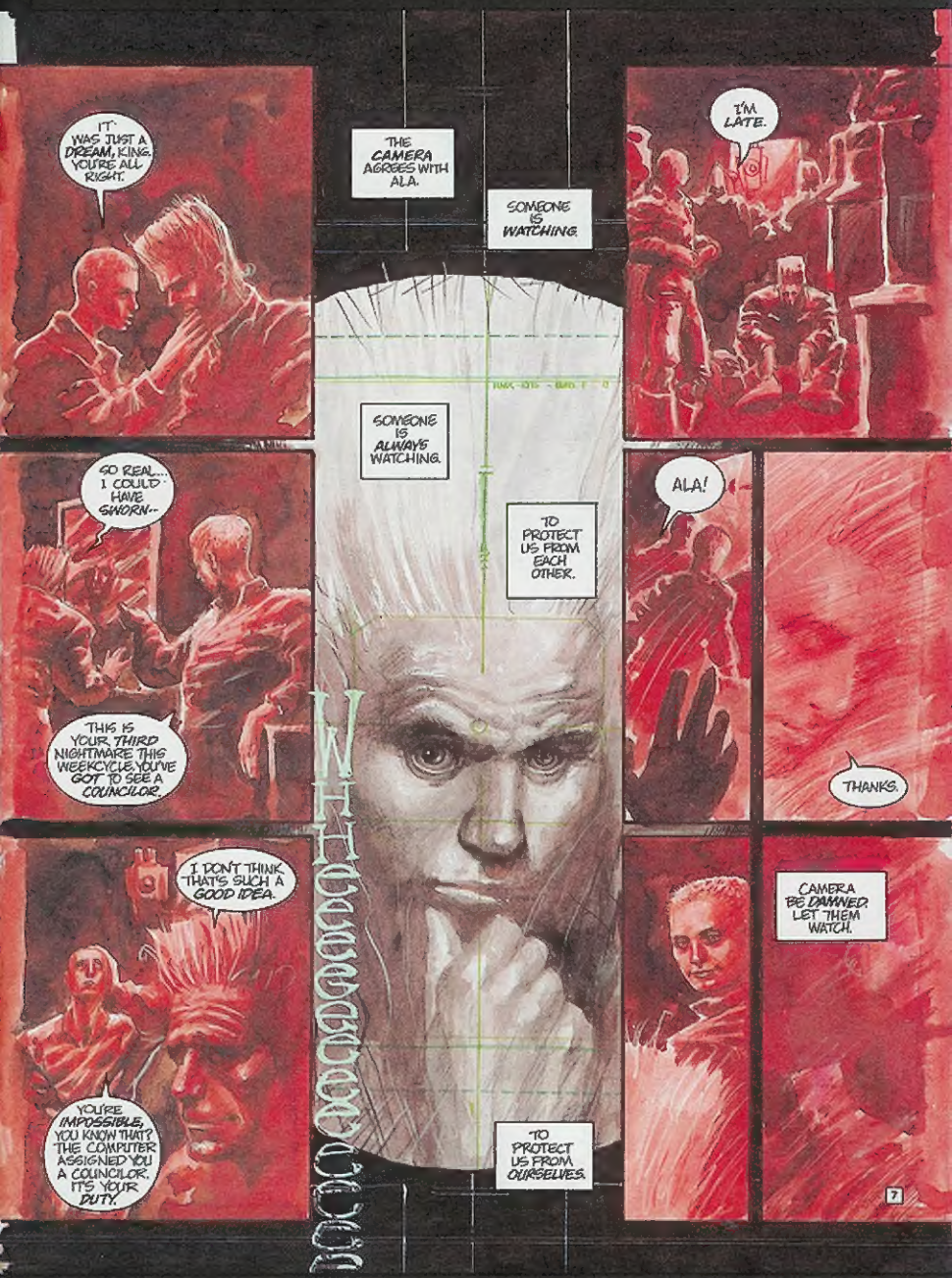
LET'S SEE... AT YOUR LAST SESSION, YOU SPOKE OF CERTAIN DISTURBING DREAMS.
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S ALMOST LIKE I'M EXPERIENCING SOMEONE ELSE'S MEMORIES.
I DREAM I'M IN AREAS OF ALPHA COMPLEX I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. I'M ON A MISSION—TO DO WHAT, I DON'T KNOW. I ALWAYS DIE BEFORE I COMPLETE THE MISSION...BUT THAT'S OKAY. IT'S ALMOST LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO DIE.
LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO LEARN SOMETHING BY DYING.
AND YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR MEDICATION AS PRESCRIBED?
HMM...
SNAP!
BLANK!
THIS WON'T HURT A BIT.

KING! WAKE UP! YOU'RE HAVING ANOTHER NIGHTMARE.


IT WAS JUST A DREAM, KING. YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
THE CAMERA AGREES WITH ALA.
SOMEONE IS WATCHING.
I'M LATE.
SOMEONE IS ALWAYS WATCHING.
TO PROTECT US FROM EACH OTHER.
GO REN... I COULD HAVE SWORN--
ALA!
THIS IS YOUR THIRD NIGHTMARE THIS WEEK/CYCLE. YOU'VE GOT TO SEE A COUNCILOR.
THANKS.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA.
CAMERA BE DAMNED. LET THEM WATCH.
YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE, YOU KNOW THAT? THE COMPUTER ASSIGNED YOU A COUNCILOR. IT'S YOUR DUTY.
TO PROTECT US FROM OURSELVES.
WHO'S WATCHING WHOM?

MAK! MAK! MAK! MAK!
NOW CALLING : FLYING ERASE HEAD-O-ZLT-4
KING-R-THR-1!
I...
I...
I'M NOT SURE, SIR.
RIGHT HERE, SIR!
YOU'RE LATE FOR WORK AGAIN! I CAN'T ALLOW THAT, KING-R-THR-1. I RUN A TIDY SHIP. YOU'RE NOT A TIDY SAILOR, ARE YOU, KING-R-THR-1?
THIS REFLECTS POORLY ON THE DEPARTMENT. WE CAN'T HAVE THAT. YOU'VE FORCED MY HAND.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THIS. ALL THE PAPERWORK HAS BEEN FILED. YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MUST DO, KING-R-THR-1?
GOOD. JUST SO THERE'S NO MISUNDERSTANDING. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?
I DON'T, SIR. I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA.
EXCELLENT! THEN I'LL TRUST YOU TO JUMP RIGHT TO IT!
AND REMEMBER-- YOU'VE LEFT ME NO CHOICE!

I LIVE IN HELL, BUT THERE'S NO ONE I CAN TELL KNOWING ABOUT HELL IS TREASON.
KLONK!
HAPPY LIFE
THE COMPUTER HAS BEEN WATCHING ME.
THE COMPUTER DOESN'T WANT ME TO LIVE IN HELL.
THE COMPUTER DOESN'T WANT ME TO BE UNHAPPY.
THE COMPUTER IS MY FRIEND.

AND YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR MEDICATION AS PRESCRIBED?
HMM...

HAPPY
HAPPY
HAPPY
HAPPY JACK
JACK'S BALLOON
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GREETINGS, CITIZEN! IT'S HAPPY JACK TO THE RESCUE!
POW!!
HAPPY JACK BROUGHT ME BACK -- WHY AREN'T I GRATEFUL?
BROTHER, YOU'VE GOTTA GET OFF THIS STUFF!
WAR ON DRUGS? JUST SAY NO!
but the computer gave me the pills
THE COMPUTER IS NOT YOUR FRIEND!
"BUT I AM."
THE FIRE...
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ALL IS BURNED AWAY BY THE FIRE.
IT IS ALWAYS THERE LURKING BEHIND EVERYTHING.
WAITING FOR ME IN THE FUTURE.
SMILE
YOU'RE HAPPY!
SUDDENLY, THE FLAMES ARE EXTINGUISHED
I'M COLD.
HEY!
GIVE ME BACK MY BOOTS, YOU LOUSY INFRARED!
THIS IS TREASON!
YOU'VE GOT A RED SECURITY CLEARANCE! REQUISITION A NEW PAIR!
AAAAGH!
BROKEN GLASS
MY FEET ARE RUINED.
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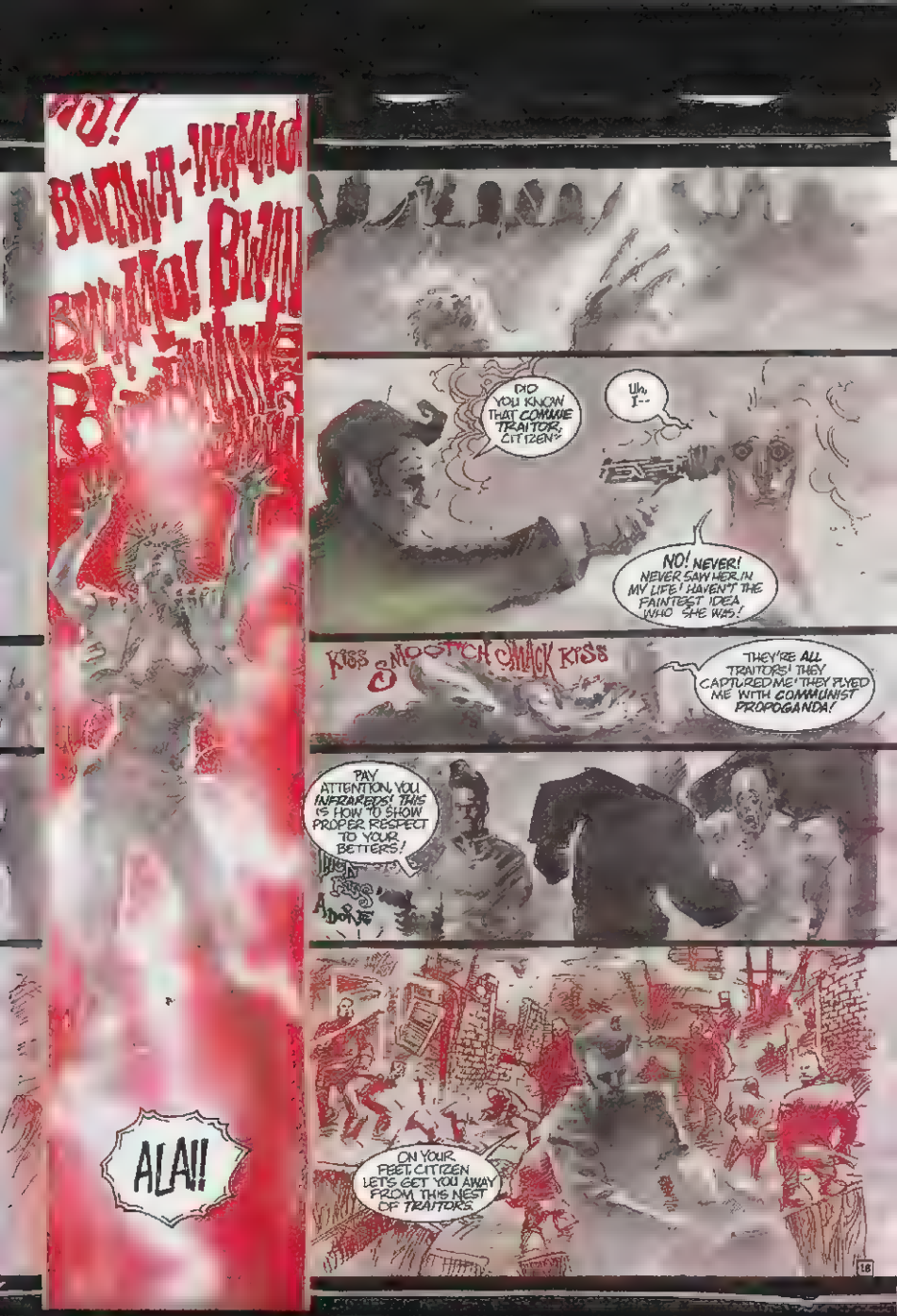
A CROWD GATHERS.
COLD FACES, UNKNOWN FACES..
EXCEPT-- ALA?
ALA-- IT'S ME!
INSIDE.
QUICK.
ALA RUNS, BUT SHE DOESN'T RUN AWAY. SHE WANTS ME TO FOLLOW.

I REMEMBER YOU FROM THE DORM. YOU'RE KING-R-THR-1
REMEMBER ME? OF COURSE YOU DO! JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO WE WERE TALKING ABOUT MY NIGHTMARES.
WASN'T ME. MUST HAVE BEEN ALAMOGORDO-R-THR-2.
I'M ALAMOGORDO-R-THR-1. I'M THE FIRST CLONE.
WHEN I WAS OVERDUE RETURNING FROM AN ASSIGNMENT, MY MISSION LEADER REPORTED ME LOST IN ACTION. THE COMPUTER ACTIVATED MY REPLACEMENT CLONE AND ASSIGNED HER MY OLD SPOT IN THE DORM.
WHEN I TURNED UP A FEW DAYCYCLES LATER, NO ONE WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME. THE COMPUTER LISTED ME AS DEAD, SO I DIDN'T EXIST.
BUT THE FIRST ALA IS DEAD! SHE WAS KILLED—
ON A TROUBLESHOOTING MISSION FOR THE COMPUTER.
I KNOW.
NO! YOU MUST BE LYING! THE COMPUTER WOULD NEVER MAKE A MISTAKE!
EVERYTHING IS TREASON
KING-- LISTEN TO ME!
THIS IS TREASON!

WE AREN'T SUPPOSED TO LIVE LIKE THIS! THERE IS A BETTER WAY!
THE COMPUTER HAS MADE SLAVES OF US ALL!
I WON'T LISTEN! THIS IS TREASON!
TRE-MMMPHhh
WE'RE NOT UNITS IN A MACHINE, KING. WE'RE MEN AND WOMEN.
IT'S THE DRUGS THEY MAKE US TAKE THEY SUPPRESS WHAT WE ARE.
LOOK AT ME! SEE HOW DIFFERENT I AM FROM THE ALA YOU KNOW. I'M OFF THE DRUGS, AND I'VE CHANGED!
I REMEMBER YOU. I REMEMBER THAT I LOVED YOU, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT LOVE WAS. NOW I DO.
PLEASE-- TRUST ME.
KA-BOOM!!
TREASON!!


BWOWA-WAWO!
BWAWO! BWAWO!
DID YOU KNOW THAT COMMIE TRAITOR, CITIZEN?
Uh, I--
NO! NEVER! NEVER SAW HER IN MY LIFE! HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA WHO SHE WAS!
KISS
MOOTCH
SMACK
KISS
THEY'RE ALL TRAITORS! THEY CAPTURED ME! THEY PLIED ME WITH COMMUNIST PROPOGANDA!
PAY ATTENTION, YOU INFRARED! THIS IS HOW TO SHOW PROPER RESPECT TO YOUR BETTERS!
ADORE
ALA!!
ON YOUR FEET, CITIZEN. LET'S GET YOU AWAY FROM THIS NEST OF TRAITORS.

LINT TRAP-G-BIN-S! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
I'M HELPING THIS CITIZEN TO SAFETY, SIR!
HE'S NO CITIZEN, YOU FOOL -- HE'S A TRAITOR! LOOK AT HIM! HE HAS NO BOOTS! THAT'S A VIOLATION OF THE UNIFORM CODE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR! I DIDN'T NOTICE HIS BOOTS WERE MISSING. WHAT AMAZING POWERS OF OBSERVATION YOU HAVE, SIR. NO WONDER YOU'RE A BLUE WHILE I'M LUCKY TO BE A GREEN
AREN'T YOU CONTENT BEING A GREEN? ARE YOU... UNHAPPY?
OH, NO! NO, SIR, NOT AT ALL! I'M HAPPY! DELIRIOUSLY HAPPY!!
ARE YOU AFTER MY JOB, LINT TRAP-G-BIN-S?
NEVER SIR! I'D NEVER WANT YOUR JOB!
ARE YOU IMPLYING THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY JOB?
NO, SIR, NEVER! OH, GOD-- NO MATTER WHAT I SAY, I--
"GOD?" DID YOU SAY "GOD?"
THAT'S A FORBIDDEN WORD, LINT TRAP-G-BIN-S! YOU'RE GUILTY OF TREASON!!

BANG
NOW, WHERE D D THAT OTHER TRAITOR GO?
AHA! A TRAIL OF BLOOD-STAINS.
HERE, LITTLE TRAITOR COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE!
I'M CORNERED! I CAN'T HIDE AND I CAN'T RUN. HE'S GOT ME

I'M SAVED
WHAT'S GOING ON?
STRANGELY COSTUMED WARRIORS LIKE HAPPY JACK
EAGLE EYE²
PLATE HEAD
HORNET AND STRAIGHTJACKET
CAPTAIN SQUARE JAW
REVENGERS RALLY!!!
HAIRY REASONER

POW
PTOW
POW
PTOW
BWOW
CANDIES
POW!
PTOW!
POW
BWTOW! BWTOW!
VULTURE TROOPERS!
REVENGERS RETREAT!!
THIS IS ONE-ARM FLAYROD-1-GTZ-3. VULTURE SQUADRON HAS THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. THE INTERNAL SECURITY BOYS DROPPED THE BALL. AS USUAL
BETTER SEND A DOCBOT WE'VE GOT A CASUALTY HERE
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THOSE ARE SOME NASTY CUTS YOU'VE GOT THERE, FRIEND. THINK YOU CAN HANG ON 'TIL MEDICAL GETS HERE?
YOU BET I CAN--NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE!! WOW.. THE FAMOUS VULTURE SQUADRON, COMING TO MY RESCUE! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
THERE HE IS. ALL RIGHT--AND AT THE TOP OF THE LIST.
MUST BE OUR LUCKY DAY
AW, SHUCKS, CITIZEN. WE'RE JUST HERE TO DO A JOB.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
KING-R-THR-1
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE.
DID HE SAY "KING-R-THR-1?"
guys.. ?

YOUR NAME IS ON THE TERMINATION LIST. YOU JUST WENT ON THIS MORNING.
SOMEONE NAMED FLYING ERISE HEAD-O-ZLT-4, TURNED YOU IN FOR INSUBORDINATION. ARE YOU AWARE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO REPORT TO A TERMINATION CENTER HOURS AGO?
I HAD NO IDEA. THAT'S WHAT MY BOSS WANTED ME TO DO!
THIS ISN'T MY FAULT! IT'S ALL A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING! MY BOSS MUST HAVE FILED THE WRONG PAPERWORK!
I'VE TRIED TO DO THE RIGHT THING! FIRST I TOOK THESE PILLS, THEN A GUY IN A MASK BEAT ME UP, THEN THEY STOLE MY BOOTS, AND THEN--
TAKE IT EASY, FRIEND. I BELIEVE YOU. SOMEONES OBVIOUSLY MADE A MISTAKE. THIS SORT OF THING HAPPENS MORE OFTEN THAN WE'D LIKE TO ADMIT.
I'M GOING TO LET YOU OFF WITH A WARNING THIS TIME, BUT BE SURE TO GET YOUR PAPERWORK CLEANED UP BEFORE THE END OF THE DAYCYCLE.
YIPEEE
THERE IS JUSTICE, AFTER ALL!
I RESISTED TREASONS TEMPTATIONS.

BWAH!
...AND NOW I'M REWAR--
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, ONE ARM PLAYROD-I-GTZ-3? YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE IT EASY ON HIM.
HEY--WE VULTURES HAVE A REPUTATION TO PROTECT.
12. Tips for Traitors
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